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SUBJECT: R/V WECOMA, CLEARANCE REQUEST, 21 MAY -  
17 JUN 77

1. R/V WECOMA, A PRIVATE RESEARCH VESSEL OPERATED BY OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY AND FUNDED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELVES OF CHILE AND PERU. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TWO-FOLD. A STUDY OF THE PROCESSES AFFECTING THE NATURE AND DISTRIBUTION PATTERNS OF SEDIMENTS ON THE CONTINENTAL MARGINS WILL BE CONDUCTED. THESE PROCESSES INCLUDE WATER MASS MOVEMENT, CURRENT CIRCULATION, AND MORPHOLOGY OF THE SEA FLOOR. CHEMICAL AND X-RAY ANALYSIS OF THE SEDIMENTS WILL BE PERFORMED. ALSO, A ROCK DREDGING PROGRAM WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO DETERMINE IF THE SEDIMENTARY ROCKS EXPOSED ON THE CONTINENTAL SLOPES HAVE BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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UPLIFTED FROM GREATER DEPTHS. ANOTHER OBJECTIVE IS TO DETERMINE WHAT LITHOLOGIES ARE PRESENT ON THE CONTINENTAL SLOPE AND WHERE THE OLDER CRYSTALLINE CONTINENTAL BLOCK TERMINATES IN A SEAWARD DIRECTION.

2. CO-CHIEF SCIENTISTS FOR THE CRUISE ARE DRS. G. KELLER

AND L. KULM. DURING LEG 1 WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED OFF CHILE AND PERU, TWO CHILEAN AND TWO PERUVIAN PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED AND ON LEG 2 TO BE CONDUCTED OFF PERU, THREE PERUVIANS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. LEG 1 WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM 21 MAY - 1 JUNE AND LEG 2 FROM 1 JUNE - 17 JUNE.

3. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE GOP AND GOC.

4. A SHIP'S TRACK AND OTHER INFORMATION ON STATION LOCATIONS IS BEING POUCHED. PORT CALLS ARE PLANNED FOR CALLAO FOR 17-21 MAY AND FOR JUNE 4. A SHIP'S AGENT WILL ARRANGE THE PORT CALLS.

5. EQUIPMENT TO BE USED INCLUDES CORING DEVICES AND BOX DREDGES.

6. R/V WECOMA IS 289 GROSS TONS, 177 FT. LONG WITH AN 18.6 FT. DRAFT. MASTER OF THE VESSEL IS HOWARD A. LINSE AND THERE IS A CREW OF 13 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 16. RADIO CALL SIGN KRSF.

7. INSTITUTO GEOFISICO DEL PERU IS NOTED AS BEING A COOPERATING INSTITUTION.

8. ACTION: EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR R/V WECOMA TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELVES OF CHILE AND PERU FOR THE TIME PERIODS INDICATED PARA 2.

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